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## **VERDICT OF SUICIDE** IN BENNETT INQUEST

Coroner's Jury Came to a Conclusion Last Night.

MISS SCHNEIDER'S CASE STILL ON

MORE TESTIMONY WILL BE TAK. EN BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED.

Dr. Bonar Tells of Scout's Ideas of Honor-Major Ennis Gives Deceased a Testimonial of Character-Large Property in St. Louis.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict last night, finding that Frank P. Bennett came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by himself with suicidal intent.

The jury in the case of Miss Schneider conferred for an hour but failed to agree and asked for further evidence. Accordingly it will convene again today at noon and hear such testimony as the Deputy Sheriff may be able to procure in the meantime

The taking of testimony before the Bennett and Schneider coroner's juries was resumed at 2 o'clock yes-There was nothing new brought out that would tend to dispel the mystery that obscures the strange connection between the death of the house servant and the death of the celebrated scout. Nothing has been shown in the testimony that explains why Bennett borrowed the revolver and six rounds of ammunition on the day preceding the strange death of Miss Schneider; to explain why Clara Schneider did not leave some message friends before deliberatethese things that make some refuse

to believe that she took her own life. The first witness was Chemist Shorey. He had analyzed the whitish, flour-like substance found on a red shawl worn by Clara Schneider the night she swallowed the fatal doveof morphine. The chemist said the substance was not morphine. It was lime and his supposition was that it had been rubbed from a white-washed wall by contact.

The next witness was R. M. Bonar physician and surgeon at Camp Mc-Kinley. Dr Bonar has charge of the dispensary at the camp. He said that Bennett had never called on him for medical attention. He was sure Bennett never got any morphine at the dispensary because none was kept there, that drug being kept wholly in his own private case. Dover's powder and paregoric were forms of opium kept at the dispensary. No one at the dispensary had authority to prescribe except himself. The doctor was positive that Bennett never procured morphine at the dispensary. The doctor knew Bennett as a friend and saw him on an average of once a day. He never knew Bennett to use nor drinking. Corporal Scott testified morphine and did not believe that he that he had never seen Bennett drunk

His Notions of Honor.

He knew that Bennett and Frank financially. Dr. Bonar had heard Bennett telephone to someone about his friend's wife who was in the hospital. "I asked Bennett what the trouble was. He said with great emotion, The wife of my friend has had a serious operation performed at the hospital, but I guess it will be all right."

not a drinking man as he would never timony also showed that unusually take a social drink with the officers close relations existed between Mrs. of the camp. The doctor also said: Ottmann and the scout. This was "I believe if Mr. Bennett had known was brought out so strongly that it is that he was in any way the cause of is impossible to say whether Bennett's a woman's death, according to his statement in his last note, "A weman old school notions of honor, he would is at the bottom of it all," applied to then kill himself." While Bennett Miss Schneider or to Mrs. Ottmann. was alive, he had never suspected that he had relations with women. ond time. He stated positively that But since his death the doctor had Bennett had not at any time loaned or heard several of the sordiers say that given him a cent of money. He reitthey had seen him walking in the park erated his former testimony about the with Miss Schneiuer. Others had scout's drinking habits. He said that able style. seen him walking with Mrs. Ottmann. his improvements on his house cost The doctor had never heard Bennett \$553 and that he was still in debt that use rough or improper language. He amount, principally to Lewers & considered him the highest type of a Cooke. gentleman and the soul of honor.

Major Wm. Ennis was called. He gave the dead scout the highest testi- evening of Prince David's luau, feil monial as to character and good to pieces last night. From the testimorals. He said Bennett was one of mony of the witness it appears that the most abstemious of men he had Bennett did nothing more than swalever known. He recounted Bennett's low a Seldlitz powder in the tragic career with evident pride and said style of a melancholy drunk. Ottmann that he was the paragon of courage, said that he had had no trouble with integrity, honesty and sobriety. The Bennett and that they were good major had inquired concerning where friends until the little episode the Bennett was on the night that Miss evening of Prince David's luau. Schneider took the morphine. The sentry's say, that at 10:30 p. m., Ben- and testified that he made a thorough nett got up and stood at his window, search with Deputy Sheriff Chillinglamp. Shortly the light was extinguished. Again at 1:30 a. m. the lamp found no morphine or poisons.

The childhood, and it was there that the corral. He childhood, and it was there that the corral of the Board acted in a quasi judicial capacity, as did all of the short will be much appreciated, and may be the other members of the Board, call-grown up to beautiful young womanin Bennett's room was lighted and re The two juries then separated and mained burning until 4:30 in the went into consultation.

sentries say, that at 10:30 p. m., Ben nets s rooms after his death had been reported but found no poisons.

His St. Louis Property.

The witness said that Bennett told him last June of property he owned in St. Louis. In Bennett's room Major Ennis found a deed for some St. Louis real estate showing that Bennett paid for it the sum of \$36,000. The major believed that Bennett had killed him self because he felt that unwittingly he had caused Miss Schneider's death. W. M. Campbell told of his relation with Miss Schneider. "One time she asked me to invest her money," he said. "I did so, she giving me \$300 for which I was to issue to her three shares in a shipping business I was then establishing. However, she came back and wanted her money. saying that she had found a place where she could invest it to better ad vantage. I paid her back the money After that, I saw but little of her until three or four weeks ago, she came to me saying she was in great trouble and would lose a big amount of money unless she could raise \$150. I could not make her the loan at the time and have not seen her since.

"I first met her at the Honolulu hotel a couple of years ago. We became friends. When I was sick she came to see me. She told me a year ago that Bennett was paying her attentions and that they were distasteful to her. I knew her very well and know that she was a very methodical person. I do not believe she would have committed suicide without arranging her affairs in order and leaving word for her friends."

The inquest was continued last night.

The Night Session. Corporal Bruce Hartman testified that Bennett did a great deal of telephoning to Miss Schneider. Also to Mrs. Ottmann. Witness had often auswered the telephone and had taken down messages from Miss Schneider for Bennett, afterward sending them to him at the corral. The burden of these messages was in the form of requests for Bennett to meet her. hospital, Bennett had inquired over the phone daily as to her condition. Witness had often seen Bennett in company with Mrs. Ottmann. He did not believe Bennett cared much for her but thought Mrs. Ottmann was in

love with the scout. Sergeant N. O. Cramer said that Bennett told him that he had given Ottmann \$500 and that the money was used in making improvements in his place at Waikiki. Cramer had often invited Bennett to drink with him but he always refused. Witness had never seen Miss Schneider with Bennett but had often seen the scout in company with Mrs. Ottmann. He had seen them together in day time and at night, and frequently saw her co through the camp toward Bennet's place at the corral.

What His Comrades Say.

Ralph H. Jones, acting hospital steward at Camp McKinley, said that Bennett had never been inside the dispensary and could not possibly have had procured morphine at the place. Jones had never seen Bennett drunk and that he had often seen him with Mrs. Ottmann.

Sergeant Henry W. Duryea, knew Ottmann were friends and had heard but little of the scout's relations with that Bennett had helped Ottmann Miss Schneider, but told of a dramatic meeting between Mrs. Ottmann and Bennett in Kapiolani park last June. Chas. Snyder, another soldier, had little to say except what he had seen of Bennett with Mrs. Ottmann.

The entire testimony of the soldiers last night showed that Bennett, if he was a sport, kept that fact closely hid-Dr. Bonar said he knew Bennett was den from his army friends. Their tes-

W. J. C. Ottmann was called a sec-

Ottmann's story of Bennett's attempted suicide at his place on the

Dr. Shorey took the stand again

FITTING OBSERVANCE

Founders' Day Exercises at Kamehameha School.

PRAISES FOR RELOYED PRINCESS

TYPICAL SONGS INTERSPERSED THROUGH PROGRAM\_TROP. ICAL DECORATIONS.

Mr. Richards' Address Telling of How the Crown Was Refused and Other Events of the Life of Pauani Bishop-Sixteenth Celebration.

All yesterday was given over to the 6th annual celebration of Founders' Day at Kamehameha school. The services were impressive in their simplicity, and served to keep green the memory of that noble woman. Prin cess Pauahi Bishop, who lived but for

The services began in the morning at the Mausoleum in Nunanu valley. The school was present in a body, the boys in uniform, and the girls in

The program began with "Nearer My God to Thee," played by the Kamehameha band. After this selection the boys stood attention, uncovered while the girls decked the grave of their benefactress with flowers. The ceremony was particularly impressive, and showed that Princess Pauaht still lives in the hearts of her people and that her influence is as great as ever.

"Only Remembered by What We Have Done" was sung by the whole school. The school then recited in unison a pledge, in which the members promised to be faithful and true. For several days he has been working and in every way strive to do what they thought their royal alii would want them to do.

the rather ambiguous title of Kamehameha Girls' School Call. The na- Col. George Macfarlane it is undertives prefer to call it "Aloha Pauahi." which seems to be the more appropriate title. The selection is one of surpassing beauty, and its equal is hard to be found. It was sung in a manner, which showed that the girls had their whole heart and soul in the

Quite an extensive luau awaited the students when they returned to the school. . The dining room was beautifully decorated. Long festoons of rope fern stretched from the center chandelier to all corners of the room. giving a most artistic effect. Ferns and lauhala branches were banked about the room in a tasty manner. The tables were particularly beautiful. They were spread with ti leaves. Over these was a layer of fern, which made as artistic a table cloth as one could desire. Maiden hair ferns in abundance were scattered about the table, and the whole dining room presented a scene of great beauty.

Every native dish imaginable was set before the students. Poi, taro in abundance, fish of a dozen different varieties, and a numberless lot of other dainties graced the board. The drink was the only hacle food on the table, soda water taking the place of the proverbial okolehao. During the meal the girls' chorus sang "Aloha Pauahi," which was heartily received by the audience. Everyone went in with a will and in a short while the tables were characterized largely by

the absence of food. "Hawaii Ponol," sung by the whole the heart of any man not utterly lack ing in patriotic feelings, and followed by "Kamehameha Song." ended the

Miss Lillian Byrington, organ, and Miss Helen Desha, piano, played as a Prelude "Kamennoi Ostrow." op. 10. No. 22, by Rubenstein. Mozart's "12th Mass." was sung by the choir, and the selection was delivered with remark-

Rev. Ezera delivered the innovation The children of the Kamehameha Preparatory sung "Children's Song of Praise." Mr. Theodore Richards made the address of the day. He said:

"When asked to speak before you s few days ago, in shifting about for a subject I saw immediately that your benefactress, Princess Bernice Panahi Bishop, was the most appropriate topic on which I could talk. Of personal recollections I can give you but little being practically a malihini.

"In passing the old site of the Arrind tree, probably the largest of its His offense consisted in appearing on the regulations for plumbing made board's office. kind in town. It is 69 years old to- Punchbowl street in a holoku that a report. President Raymond opposed day, and was planted the day Princess o... tree that the Princess played in proper exposure of antiquated shins. Baymond's name was added to the tribution among the inmates of the

Princess' life was in 1850. Being of he royal line she was destined to a state marriage, but following the dictations of her heart, she rose in her position, when she became the queen of the home of Charles R. Bishop. This happened in 1850, and no better home could have been found in Hono-

"At some time in Paunhi's life came the third great event. Just what is the date nobody can tell, but probably about 1856 she mapped out the plan of her life, becoming a Christian and leading a life for the sake of her people. Three times was she offered the crown, but not even the pleas of the dying Kamehameha could move her an atom in her resolve. It was her thought that nothing but a steady adhesion to the Hawaiian motto. "Un Mau ke En o ka Aina i ka Pone," could benefit the Hawaiian

"The fourth event in the life of Pauahi Bishop was in 1884. On October 16 she passed from this earth and universal sorrow prevailed throughout the land.

"D. L. Moody once said: 'Some day you will read that I am dead. Don't you believe it. I will be more alive than ever.' Paushi Bishop did not die. Her influence was greater than ever for on December 19, 1887, came the fifth great event of her life, the founding of this institution.

"Exactly seven years later occurred the sixth and last great event of her life, and the magnificent pile just below us, the Girls' school, is a silent witness of the Princess' everlasting

The services closed with a prayer by Rev. W. M. Kincaid, a song, "Pauaho ke Alii," by the school, and the doxology.

MCBRYDE OPTION OBTAINED.

C. H. W. Norton Leaves With Over Half Million Worth of Stock.

C H. W. Norton left for the Coast by way of Vancouver last evening. Company's stock. The option has been stood is in on the deal and Mr. Norton will work in conjunction with him on arrival in San Francisco.

HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

Alexander Young is Preparing Data for Plans of Construction.

Before long plans for the hospital for incurables will be drawn up by Mr. Traphagen, the architect. slexander Young, who has been travelling for some time, has collected data and particulars concerning such an institution, and hopes to place these in the hands of Mr. Traphagen in the near

The race problem is claimed to be the most difficult one to deal with. The different races will be separated into different wards, and how this is to be done is the question. W. G. Irwin is said to be helping the thing along. and when he returns from the coast matters will be pushed with great

Mill Company Property Sold. The Enterprise Mill Company property has been purchased by a private corporation. The mill will be conducted under the name of Pacific Mill Company. Emmett May and W. H. G. Arnemann are at the head of the new concern. Hereafter the new concern will not take any building contracts so as not to compete with the contractors. An up-to-date mill will be run however and all character of school in a manner calculated to move legitimate work dene. A sp-cialty will be made of the native woods, the concern having already a good-sized stock on hand.

A Couple Foung Guilty.

In police court yesterday John Baldwin and Mrs. A. Clark, a native wo man, were arraigned on the charge of adultery. Both pleaded guilty. Baldwin is a newcomer and said he did not know Mrs. Clark was a married woman. Mrs. Clark has been living apart from her husband the past year. Her husband will use the incident as basis for divorce proceedings. Judge Wilcox sized the situation up, imposed a nominal fine, but suspended sentence. Baldwin breathed easier on leaving the court room than he did on entering.

Dress a la Mode.

Ito, an aged Japanese, was confront-

From Political Influence.

OH. RAYMOND LAYS DOWN THE LAY

PLUMBING INSPECTOR MOORE SUMMARILY REMOVED-ELY KEEN IS HIS SUCCESSOR.

Extra Pay for Autopaies and Post Mortems-Attorney General on Newspapers' Rights.

It may be said without reserve that the old board of health has had a regeneration. Yesterday it received its baptism by the old-fashione i method of immersion and now the new board with purity of heart and untainted by a carnal mind is ready for busi ness at the old stand. In fact it has already done some business of a de cisive character and did it yesterday. And one thing is certain, there will be no more executive sessions.

The epoch turning event that brought all this about was the accession to membership and the presidency of the board of Dr. James H. Raymond, who took office at the last meet ing. The outward and tangible sign of conversion so long desired was an able and phenomenal opening address delivered by Dr. Raymond in which he hoisted the watch-signal of economy and thwarted political designs on the board from any and all sources high and low. He said:

"The future actions and responsiarranged for \$600,000 worth and will organize the entire system of the de- physicians for autopsies and ciency of the board and at the same time guard the interest of the public. With the reduction of revenues it is incumbent on us to make an extra lowing report on the refusal of the intention to recommend plans that I against Superintendent Reynolds of hope will give general satisfaction. the leper settlement: In order to do that, we must recognize the fact that the board may conflict ment upon public matters provided with individual and perhaps different they do so fairly and with an honest views. Undoubtedly adverse criticism purpose, and if they exceed the limits will be created, but my aim is to do the best for the people.

Divorced From Politics. no matter from what source, political not understand the question of Mr. or otherwise. It is well that I state Reynolds' competence as superintendthat in plain terms. The interest of ent of the leper settlement was in any the public is our first charge and way referred to me." whatever I recommend will be for no other purpose than the good of the service. I am perfectly willing to the board at Puna, resigned and Dr. abide by the judgment of the board. I J. Hallond was elected in his place. speak of this pecause all sorts of requests for positions and favors on the kau, a leper at Molokai, to permit his strength of political influence will wife to act as his kokua or nurse was reach us. It is our duty to divorce refused. the department from politics and every other influence. On these grounds ner for lepers at the Kalihi station am willing to lend my services to was allowed. the public and I believe you gentlemen

are of the same mind." "The thought may be expressed in trips with lepers was allowed as quite single sentence," interjected Attorney General Dole, "that a public office is a public trust, and public money is

which are in fact already begun." said better care of the \$16,000 machinery Dr. Raymond, addressing his remarks for the garbage crematory. more directly to Mr. Dole. "To make my statements plain let it be under- the taro land matter for the insane stood that the board of health owes no asylum. It was decided to have the man anything of its nature political. old lands lewly fertilized. Let us start out with a clean ledger." Mr. Smith said that for the three poard had acted as a unit. Dr. Cooper

was passed unanimously. "Resolved. That the president having lution at another time. thoroughly investigated the workings of various departments, his recom- to a Republican reporter that there support and approval of the board."

Plumbing Inspector Removed. C. E. Moore is no longer plumbing inspector. E. G. Keen will be his successor. It came about in this way: ed with the charge of committing a The committee which was recently proposed changes in regulations will nuisance, yesterday, in police court. put to work on proposed changes in came only to his knees. The officer its adoption saying that more time on that best considered this an im- should be taken for investigation. Dr. ness of apparel for street wear at this participate. Dr. Raymond said very sent to the care of the Medical Supertersely and without comment that for intendent Victoria Hospital, Kakaako.

the good of the service be would recommend a change in the office. Mr Smith made the motion accordingly and Dr. Cooper seconded it and in less than a minute there was a vacancy in the office. The assistant plumbing inspector, Mr. Keen, was placed on Board of Health Freed the committee to consider amendments to the regulations and a very brief moment he was voted the office of his retiring superior. His salary was fixed at \$150 a month, and \$250 was placed in the hands of Executive Officer Pratt to buy him a horse and buggy to use in his daily duties.

It will be very well remembered how at a recent meeting Moore sought to cause the retirement of Keen, but met with a rebuff. The plumbers of the city, notably C. H. Brown, have made a fight on Moore and it is said Economy in Every Department-No that their influence based on facts of incompetency made clear have won the day. The new appointee has made a study of sanitary plumbing and gives satisfaction to every plumber in the city, so it is claimed.

A series of resolutions of bad sanitation in several districts were adopted. A district mauka of Beretania street and Waikiki of Asla lane was condemned, as was another makai of King street and Waikiki of Palams chapel, owing to stagnant water. The districts bounded by King, River, Hotel and Kekaulike streets; Hotel, River. Pauahi and Maunakea; and Pauahi, River, Beretania and Maunakea were pronounced deleterious to health and ordered filled to grade except when brick with cement wa'ls and floors are in use. The same order was made in reference to the district on the Waikiki side of the blacksmith shop at Ching Lum's along the coral bank to Beretania street.

Economy in Drugs and Autopsies.

A long discussion was precipitated on the matter of economy in drugs and general conduct of physicians of the board at plantations outside of the immediate locality of Honolulu. Dr. Raymand recommended that the physibilities of the president will contain cian's take stock and send in reports some things that are disagreeable. of drugs on hand and cut down this The change of the government during big item of expense in the future as on the written recommendation of the the degradation of the mind and body. large block of the McBryde Plantation the past year have convinced me of ssity to do something to re said he had the auditing of bills of Health for a license to practice medibe placed on the San Francisco mar- partment. Many suggestions might tems. He made a motion which was ten report of a Board of Medical Exket as it is thought that the time is and will be offered by the president adopted that the physicians not be alsung by the girls chorus, which had now ripe for the floating there of some that I believe will be of material bene- lowed pay for this service except of the newer stocks of hie plantations. fit to the health of the communication where extra labor makes it a matter and protection from a business point of justice. The physicians are also of view. Expenses must be reduced required now by a motion made by Dr. There are many chances to economize Emerson to take charge of the statiswithout materially affecting the effi- tics of birth, marriages and deaths. No record will be made of divorces by the board it is said.

Attorney General Dole made the foleffort to cut down expenses. It is my Hawaiian Star to prefer charges

"Newspapers have the right to compermitted by law, it is a matter for the courts and not for the board of "We should recognize no influence legal authority in the premises. I do

> Several Minor Matters. Dr. T. Courdert, as physician for The recent request of George Kani-

An expenditure for a Christmas din-

A bill of \$90 of the Wilder Steamship Company for making two extra

President Raymond and Mr. Dole were named as a committee to wait on Superintendent McCandless of the "I refer particularly to influences public works department and request

The attorney general reported on

Dr. Emerson made a motion that the executive officer be empowered to em years of his being a member the ploy an expert for the department's books. Dr. Raymond shut this off by offered the following resolution which saying that he had the matter under consideration and would offer a reso-

After the meeting Dr. Raymond said mendations for the good of the service would be no more executive sessions. retrenchment without injury to effi- Dr. Pratt became executive officer. A use for the past three meetings.

Dr. Raymond called at The Republican office last evening to announce that the committee meeting to confer with plumbers and others on the be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the

Gifts for Incurables.

## ASSIMENT THE BY JUDGE HUMPHREYS

Court Fires Hot Shot at Government Policy.

REPEAT DISMISSAL ANDE

FUTURE ARRESTS ON THE SAME CHARGE WILL BE FUTILE SAYS THE DECISION.

While Law Provides That Physician Must Secure License Before He May Practice There is No Penalty for Practicing After Revocation.

Dr. W. S. Noblitt is free from prosecution for practicing medicine without a license. Judge Humphreys dismissed the case against him yesterday afternoon. The decision given verbatim below bristles with arraignments of the tendency of the government to concentrate power. It also conveys the information that as often as Dr. Noblitt is arrested the judge will free his because of a certain incompleteness of the statute. Here are the words of the court:

The Defendant W. S. Noblitt was indicted at the November Term A. D. 1899 of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit for practicing medicine comtrary to law. On December 4th, 1899, a judicial day of said term, a scipulation for trial in vacation, jury waived, was filed by the Attorney General and the defendant. Under that stipulation Lue case was heard by me at chambers on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1900. The laws of riawaii provide in substance that no person shall practice medicine or surgery as a profession in the Hawaiian Islands, without having first obtained a license from the Minister of the Interior, and that such license shall only be granted upine all applicants for such license. The laws further provide that said Board of Medical Examiners shall consist of three licensed physicians or surgeons to be appointed by the Minister of the Interior. Provision is also made for the revocation of a Hcense to practice medicine and surgery by the Minister of the Interior at any time for professional misconduct. gross carelessness or manifest incapacity, such misconduct, carelessness or incapacity having been proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Health and by that body reported in writing to said minister. The practice of medicine and surgery "without having first obtained" the license before referred to is denounced as a misdemeanor and is attended with a severe penalty. It will be observed that the right of an applicant to a license depends upon the report of the Board of of Medical Examiners, all of whom health. The board of health has 50 are required to be licensed physicians and surgeons-that the right may be annulled by the Minister of the Interfor upon the report of the Board of Health, independent of the Board of Medical Examiners; that a majority of the Board of Health are laymen, Sec. 868 Penal Laws 1897. It may be remarked in passing that the law ereating the Board of Health is but one of the many illustrations to be found on our statute books of the settled policy of those who controlled the destinies of the Republic of Hawaii, to center and make dominant all governmental power and authority in the Executive. None of the members of the Board are elected by the peoplethey are all appointed by the President, and to preserve and maintain the power and influence of the Execu-. re in this body-theoretically independent-it is provided that the Attorney General, who is also appointed by the President shall be ex-officio a

member of the Board. The evidence adduced in this case shows that on the 2nd day of March. A. D. 1898, the defendant obtained from the Minister of the Interior a license in the manner required by law upon the written recommendation of the Board of Health, and that said license was revoked by the Minister of the Interior for his professional misconduct, on the 24th day of August, A. D. 1899, proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Health, of which the defendant had notice; and that since the revocation of his license as aforesaid, the defendant has been engaged in the practice of medicine as a profession. While the conclusion reached by the Board of Health as to the case of this defendant cannot be attacked collaterally, yet the evidence offered by the prosecution, not objected to by the defendant, and heard by the court is a legitimate and proper subject of That evidence shows that the prosecution of this deand especially all reforms which favor There have been none in fact since fendant before the Board of Health ferred against him by the Marshal of cient service be met with the hearty fine table for reporters has been in the Republic of Hawaii in his official capacity: that the Marshal is a subordinate of the Attorney General and under his direction and control. The Attorney General at that time was exfficio a member of and President of the Board of Health. He presided over the session of the Board at which indement was passed upon the de-fendant; he denied him an exception to his rolling and finally, while still in the chair made an argument in support of the charges. In hearing and determining the charges preferred against the defendant, the Attorney General as a member ex-officio and president of the Board acted in a